



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 376

LCO No. 1162

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DAY FINES PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that when
- 2 sentencing a person for the commission of a misdemeanor or felony for
- 3 which the punishment would normally be incarceration for a term of
- 4 less than three years, a court may, as an alternative to incarceration,
- 5 impose structured fines or "day fines" as an intermediate sanction
- 6 consisting of a monetary sanction adjusted according to the
- 7 seriousness of the offense and the financial status of the offender.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide an alternative to incarceration for persons convicted of minor offenses that offers the benefits of offender accountability, deterrence, fairness, effective and efficient use of limited system resources, and revenue generation.